

WILMINGTON INSTITUTE LIBRARY WOODLAWN BRANCH

**601 North Bancroft Parkway
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The Woodlawn Library was established as a station on the New Castle County Bookmobile route in 1908, and was made a branch of the Wilmington Library in October 1925. Originally, the branch was located in a shared facility at 601 North Bancroft Parkway, accessible only by a steep and crooked stairway. With its front facing a quiet street, this little branch was easy to ignore.

The library doubled in size in 1926 to two small rooms. This literary corner in the Woodlawn Trustees' Administrative Building held only 1,200 books. Since 1926, the collection has increased dramatically, and the Woodlawn Branch now boasts a collection of over 16,000 volumes.

The Woodlawn Branch Library principally services a walk-in patronage from West Wilmington neighborhoods. To adapt to its unique community needs, the Woodlawn Branch provides story hours for several local daycare centers before its normal operating hours. Due to its location on a school bus stop, the Woodlawn Branch also provides a safe study environment for local school students in the afternoons.

Additionally, the Woodlawn Branch offers meeting facilities for Literacy Volunteers of America tutors and students, U.S. Census Bureau teams, and an independent English as a Second Language tutoring program to satisfy the increasing demand in the library's service area.

Key Individuals

William Bancroft

The Woodlawn Trustees

